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Pilobolus Dance Company Plays One Night Only at Cal Poly

Highly original and visually compelling, The Pilobolus Dance Company will perform at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2002 at the Christopher Cohan Center.

Cal Poly Arts presents the troupe that the New York Times claims to be "the most outrageously original dance company anywhere." The evening's inventive repertoire will include "Monkey and the White Bone Demon," "Gnomen," "Symbiosis," and the newly-commissioned "Olympic Work."

What began in a Dartmouth College dance class in 1971 has emerged as unique dance theatre, blending a weight-sharing approach to partnering that gave the young company a non-traditional and powerful set of skills with which to create their dance pieces. Their combining of body sculpture, acrobatics, and pure theatre creates exquisite stage pictures and deeply-resonating movement unlike any other dance company.

Today, Pilobolus is a major American dance company of international influence. Their works are represented in the repertoires of other major dance companies, including America's Joffrey Ballet and several prestigious companies in France and Italy.

Founded by Aeros choreographer Moses Pendleton and now in its 31st year, Pilobolus is the only dance company credited with appearances on three major PBS dance specials, as well as performances on "The Tonight Show," and "Sesame Street."

They have won numerous high honors, among them the Berlin Critic's Prize, the Brandeis Award, Edinburgh Festival's Scotsman Award, the New England Theatre Conference Prize, the Connecticut Commission on the Arts Award for Excellence, and in 1997, a primetime Emmy award for outstanding achievement in cultural programming.

In June, 2000, Pilobolus received the Samuel H. Scripps American Dance Festival Award for lifetime achievement in choreography.

There will be a pre-show lecture presented by Cal Poly Theatre/Dance Dept. professor Moon Ja Minn Suhr at 7 p.m. in the Philips Recital Hall.

Tickets for the performance range from \$26 - \$38, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax: (805) 756-6088.

This performance is sponsored by the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center in honor of its Legacy members.

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